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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: NON-ALIGNED COMMITTEE MEETING AT KABUL AND THE FORTHCOMING SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT

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1. IN THE COURSE OF A CONVERSATION APRIL 25 WITH Z. KAZAURE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MEA'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT, CHARGE DISCUSSED BRIEFLY THE FORTHCOMING NACCFM MEETING IN KABUL. HE STRESSED THE JOINT INTEREST OF THE USG AND THE FMG IN AVOIDING RESOLUTIONS AT KABUL WHICH COULD COMPLICATE THE DELICATE NEGOTIATING PROCESS ON THE FUTURE OF NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA. HE ALSO EMPHASIZED THE HOPE OF THE USG THAT THERE WILL BE NO RESOLUTIONS WHICH WOULD TEND TO HARDEN POSITIONS ON THE MIDDLE EAST.

2. KAZAURE WAS INTERESTED IN THE US VIEWPOINT ON THE UPCOMING SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT AND THE CHARGE DISCUSSED THIS ISSUE WITH HIM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN REFTEL. KAZAURE INDICATED THAT THE NON-ALIGNED ARE CURRENTLY TRYING TO PUT TOGETHER A COMMON PAPER FOR

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THE SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT. IN THIS CONNECTION HE MENTIONED THE FMG'S CONCERN THAT THE SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT NOT CALL FOR DISARMAMENT OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, 'WHICH ARE NOT ADEQUATELY ARMED ANYWAY.' CHARGE POINTED OUT THAT A NUMBER OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN MUCH MORE THOROUGHLY ARMED THAN WAS NECESSARY FOR THEIR DEFENSE, CITING THE BUILD-UP OF SOVIET ARMS

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TO SOMALIA PRIOR TO THE OUTBREAK OF THE RECENT SOMALI/ETHIOPIAN CONFLICT.

3. KAZAURE SAID HE THOUGHT THAT NIGERIA WOULD BE REPRESENTED AT THE KABUL MEETING BY AMBASSADOR SANU, THE HEAD OF HIS DEPARTMENT. SANU WAS FORMERLY AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES BUT IS NOT PARTICULARLY COMMUNICATIVE. WE DOUBT WHETHER HE WILL BE WILLING TO DISCUSS THE KABUL MEETING WITH US EMBASSY OFFICERS DURING THE COURSE OF THE MEETING, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE FMG IS VERY SENSITIVE AT PRESENT ABOUT CHARGES THAT IT IS PURSUING A PRO-AMERICAN POLICY.
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